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For: SWITCHING REGULATOR

Examiner: J. A. Abbaszadeh

**REQUEST FOR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF
CONSIDERATION OF PRIOR ART DOCUMENT**

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Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

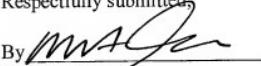
The Information Disclosure Statement that was filed on October 14, 2008 contained a copy of German patent document 3,241,821, and a copy of an English-language Search Report, issued in a counterpart application, dated August 11, 2008. The IDS stated that the “concise explanation of relevance of the items listed [in the IDS] is in the form of [the English-language] Search Report.” The Search Report identifies the German ‘821 document as being in Category “A” (technological background).

The IDS complied with all applicable regulations, including the listing, legible copies, and concise explanation of relevance requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.98. See M.P.E.P. § 609.04(a)(III), page 600-154 (the requirement for a concise explanation of relevance can be satisfied by submitting an English-language version of the search report . . . which indicates the degree of relevance found by the foreign office. This may be . . . merely an ‘X’, ‘Y’, or ‘A’ indication on a search report.”).

Under these circumstances, the German '821 document should have been considered by the Examiner. The Examiner is requested to acknowledge such consideration at this time.

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Respectfully submitted,

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